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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2834

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

20/14/06  
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In re Application of: )  
Shinji UCHIDA ) : Examiner: D. D. Le  
Application No.: 10/693,104 ) : Group Art Unit: 2834  
Filed: October 27, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 1628  
For: POSITIONING APPARATUS AND ) :  
CHARGED-PARTICLE-BEAM EXPOSURE ) :  
APPARATUS ) June 14, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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20/14/06  
Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated March 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116: